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**FRANKFORT, Ky.** (May 12, 2010) – The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is seeking public input on proposed goals for increasing Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) involvement in highway projects.

The KYTC Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development, which oversees the cabinet's DBE program, is proposing an annual, overall DBE participation goal of 7.76 percent for federal fiscal year 2011, up from the current goal of 7.0. The federal fiscal year begins Oct. 1. Under U.S. Department of Transportation rules, the new goal would be in effect for three years.

The 2011 goals and methodology will be available online at <http://transportation.ky.gov/OBOD> from May 26 until June 25, 2010. Written comments will be accepted for 15 days afterward – until July 10, 2010 – and can also be submitted online through the Web site. In addition, written comments on the 2010 participation goal also are being accepted through July 10 and may be submitted to:

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Information also is available by calling 1-800-928-3079 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EDT.

In addition, the Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development will host forums during May in each of the cabinet's 12 highway districts to explain the proposed goals and how they were established.

"The forums give the public an opportunity to participate in a dialogue about how we ensure disadvantaged businesses are represented fairly when cabinet projects are awarded," said Acting

Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock. “Decisions regarding our disadvantaged business program have a broad effect, and our staff attempts to clarify everything about the process through public meetings and these proposed goals.”

The Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development is committed to ensuring equal employment opportunity, a diverse workforce and the promotion of equitable business opportunities throughout Kentucky.

Public forum schedule; all times local:

**May 17**

District 9, Flemingsburg, 5-7 p.m., Stockton Station Inn, 129 West Water Street.

District 10, Jackson, noon-1p.m., Jackson Inn, 19 Brewers Drive.

District 5, Louisville, 5-7 p.m., Holiday Inn, 447 Farmington Ave.

**May 19**

District 8, Somerset, 5-7 p.m., Hampton Inn, 4141 US 27.

District 11, Manchester, noon-1:30 p.m., London Hampton Inn, 200 Alamo Drive, London.

**May 20**

District 6, Covington, 5-7 p.m., District 6, Covington, 5-7 p.m., Holiday Inn Riverfront, 600 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Covington Ky

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District 7, Lexington, from noon-1:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 1950 Newtown Pike.

District 12, Pikeville, 1-2 p.m., Hampton Inn, 831 Hambley Boulevard.

**May 21**

District 4, Elizabethtown, noon-1:30 p.m., Holiday Inn, 107 Buffalo Creek Drive.

**May 24**

District 2, Hopkinsville, 5-7 p.m., Holiday Inn Express, 12759 Fort Campbell Boulevard.

**May 25**

District 1, Paducah, noon-1:30 p.m., Courtyard by Marriott, 3835 Technology Drive.

District 3, Bowling Green, 5-7 p.m., Holiday Inn, 1021 Wilkinson Trace.